

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF JASPER
AUGUST 8, 2005**

The Storm Water Management Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2005 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raymond Eckerle who presided called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Raymond Eckerle	present
Vice Chairman Kent Humbarger	present
Secretary David Seger	present

Also present were City Engineer Chad Hurm, Storm Water Coordinator Wes Garris and City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein.

Secretary David Seger announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. All three of the board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Eckerle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 11, 2005. Vice Chairman Humbarger **motioned** and Secretary Seger seconded to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion** carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Chairman Eckerle presented claims in the amount of \$532.70 from July 8, 2005 through August 4, 2005.

On **motion** by David Seger and seconded by Kent Humbarger, the claims from July 8, 2005 to August 4, 2005 were approved as presented. **Motion** passed 3-0.

STORM WATER DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Part B and Part C - Storm Water Coordinator Wes Garris reported that he is still waiting for directions from IDEM concerning Part B. He stated that he continues to work on the process for Part C. Concerning the characterization of the City's waters, Garris said IDEM would prefer the City test its waters, but he stated that he would like to proceed on the method of characterizing each of the six water sheds by the types of land uses and present that as the City's characterization plan. He said using these measures could be helpful in slowing down or eliminating pollutants into the waters.

Residential ERU's – Storm Water Coordinator Garris stated that he continues to enter data for the Residential ERU's. Chairman Raymond Eckerle stated that this was a priority and asked when the residential ERU's would be completed. Garris responded that they should be completed in the next month or so.

Post Construction Ordinance - Storm Water Coordinator Garris reported that he is still reviewing the two model ordinances for post construction that he presented to the board last month. He pointed out that the deadline for submittal is November. He suggested work on the ordinance be a combined effort and welcomed suggestions from the board. Chairman Eckerle stated that he thought the model ordinance from Westchester was unmanageable and would be difficult to enforce. Garris responded that the ordinance can be tailored to our needs.

Rule 5 – Storm Water Coordinator Garris presented a letter from IDEM concerning 327 IAC 15-5 (Rule 5) construction program. Garris pointed out that IDEM will still continue to collect the \$100 fee when applicants file for permit coverage under 327 IAC 15-5. He said, under our ordinance, the City will also collect a \$100 fee.

Soil and Water Conservation District – Judi Brown with the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) gave an update on the operations at the SWCD, which has been moved from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to the new Department of Agriculture. She said the Department of Agriculture said it would not be regulatory and has contacted IDEM to see who would take care of storm water issues. She related that SWCD has laid off 21 workers, including the local storm water specialist, and reassigned all resource specialists to work strictly on agricultural related projects, so there is no technical staff in terms of Rule 5 and storm water issues in the county. Ms. Brown further related that there will be a meeting on September 7, 2005 when all will be revealed on how everything will work, but in the meantime, there will no field inspections as there are no technical staff. She stated that, hopefully, there will be a mechanism soon on how to enforce Rule 5.

Strassenfest – Mayor Schmitt complimented the Boy Scouts and the Street Department on a fine job of cleaning up trash after the fest.

Storm Water Liens – City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein reported that the legislature has passed a new law in regards to storm water liens. She said the law is similar to the sewer statute and advised on a discussion about how to use the new law. She suggested possibly working with the utility department in conjunction with their delinquent accounts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Secretary Seger, seconded by Vice Chairman Humbarger, and carried 3-0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Chairman Raymie Eckerle
Presiding Officer

Attest:

David Seger, Secretary

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary